

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 1, 2013

PLACE: 4001 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Postula Michael Herbst
Frank Sasso Dennis Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Kibble

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Moser
Lynda Schexnayder

**ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF ABSENT:** James Dunn, Attorney Akemi Gordon

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

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I. - II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by Chairman Sasso. All Directors were present with the exception of Director Kibble.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Knoll reported the unhappiness of a lady on Sugar Island regarding when the ferry is down for short periods of time and no one knows why. She recommends an electronic board to notify the public of any interruptions in service. Jesse suggested an am radio that can be purchased at Walmart. There was some discussion. Chuck will look into this.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES –March 4, 2013

With regard to Minutes for March 4, 2013; **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Robinson to approve said minutes. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT-P.E.-February 28, 2013

Chuck Moser reported for Akemi Gordon.

BUSSING

YTD passengers are down 12%. The replacement van for Newberry was put into place March 1st so we should start seeing Newberry passenger counts increase back to where they were.

FERRIES

Total vehicles are up just over 2,000 and passengers are up almost 4,700. Our YTD loss is currently almost 164,000 compared to almost 129,000 a year ago. The difference is there was an extra pay period in January this year. It will work itself out in March because there were 3 pay periods last year and only two pay periods this year.

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VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUSSING

Director Moser reported HBH is making a concerted effort to trim their budget. One of the items they are looking at is transportation costs. They may try to do more of their own transportation themselves. They are hoping that EUPTA can see if it's possible to help. Moser told them that we would look into the issue closely, but also explained that we have our own problems as well. They are supposed to look at their utilization of services and get back to us as well.

FERRIES

Moser reported so far there have been limited interruptions in service due to ice break out operations. There is still a lot of ice moving downstream. The wind direction has been favorable for the most part which helps a lot.

The DNR has requested our assistance again with their annual fish plant. This year there may be only two truckloads as over the winter the hatchery suffered an outbreak of some sort of virus resulting in 25-30% die off of the lake trout fingerlings. The virus, referred to as EED is only known to infect lake trout, is a type of herpes virus. We have quoted a price of \$800.00 provided the job takes no longer than 4 hours. This is the same as what we charged last year. April 17th is the date that we are shooting for. If any board member would like to go along for the ride, let Moser know.

With regard to acquisition of the Fogcutter property, Moser received the review of the initial appraisal of the property. The review agreed with the value of the appraisal however, found a couple of deficiencies that are in the process of being corrected as the end product will need to meet the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or USPAP. Once this is done we'll move to the next step, which will finally allow us to make an offer.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report given.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Board, **IT WAS MOVED** by Director Herbst; **SUPPORTED** by Director Postula to adjourn. **UNANIMOUS.** Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013 at 4PM.

Ted Postula, Sec. /Treas.

Prepared By: Lynda Schexnayder